

Outstanding Seniors



Derek Gold

Sport Management Major

Derek is an intelligent, motivated, and mature student who well deserves Outstanding Senior Award. While maintaining his role as a member of the TU men's golf team, he has also displayed his academic and professional excellence in the classroom. Besides his 3.98 GPA, Derek and his team won the Sport Marketing Case Competition in my class. Derek has also worked with me through Independent Study to develop and manage the Department of Kinesiology Instagram account. He is a reliable worker, always on time, and communicates with people in a professional manner. It was my pleasure to be a part of his growth at TU. Wish him all the best in his future after graduation.

-Dr. Ari Kim

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Ibukun (Blessing) Lawal

Exercise Science Major

Blessing is one of the most dedicated students I have met. She is always willing to take advantage of a new opportunity, even if that means taking on extra work. Despite the difficulties of this past year, Blessing presented research at the MARC-ACSM conference where she was one of the undergraduate finalists, received a Research Impact Award, and was acknowledged as the local American Kinesiology Association Undergraduate Scholar. I've very much enjoyed having Blessing on my research team over the past year and a half. She will be starting her Doctorate in Physical Therapy this Fall at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and I have no doubt that she will be an excellent physical therapist!

-Dr. Rian Landers-Ramos

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Sam Meyerhoff

Physical Education Major

Samantha (Sam) is a brilliant selection for the Outstanding Senior Award. Sam embodies all of the values and skills we hold dear in our program: intelligent, personable, empathetic, and focuses on bettering the lives of others. Sam is particularly excellent at integrating social justice pedagogies into physical education settings. This past year, she received SHAPE Maryland's Outstanding Future Professional Award as well as one of SHAPE America's National Major of the Year Awards. Recently, her research abstract was published in *Research Quarterly in Exercise and Sport* titled, "Gay men's reflective experiences in physical education: Affects and orientations in a visual economy." Given her excellent academic, service, and research record – Sam will be matriculating for her Masters Degree at The Ohio State University where she has earned the Dean's Graduate Enrichment Fellowship. We are very proud of Sam's accomplishments and know she will make a profound impact in our field.

-Dr. Dillon Landi

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Kaitlyn Whipp

Athletic Training Major

Kaitlyn is a kind, well rounded student with a tireless work ethic. She successfully manages her academics while fulfilling many roles. She cares for patients, assists peers with coursework, holds a position on the AT club board, and is a regional student senator. Her versatility and willingness to contribute to all aspects of the AT major make her a wonderful representative of the athletic training program.

- Mary Nadelen, Clinical Associate Professor

Outstanding Senior Honorable Mentions



Yehuda Abedon

Sport Management Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Yehuda is pursuing a career in sports media and sports entertainment. He is also getting married to his best friend and fiancé of 4 years!



Kami Bennett

Exercise Science Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Kami has been accepted to Towson University's Occupational Therapy Master's Program starting in fall 2021. She is excited to continue her journey at Towson University and to pursue her dreams of being an Occupational Therapist.



Adam Blitzstein

Sport Management Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Adam is currently trying to gain more field experience in marketing and communication. He is not limiting himself to the sports industry and is seeing what other opportunities are out there. He plans on working his way up through experience, learning, and hard work.

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Olivia Garrison

Exercise Science Major

Post-Grad Plans:

This summer Olivia will be attending Temple University's Master of Occupational Therapy program.



Abbey Holmes

Exercise Science Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Abbey will be attending the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore for the next three years to become a licensed physical therapist. She also hopes to continue aiding prospective physical therapy students, as she has developed a passion for doing so during her time at Towson University.



Cassandra Kim

Exercise Science Major

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Dominic Kogok

Sport Management Major



Nerice Millet-Williams

Exercise Science Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Nerice plans to attain a Master's Degree in Business Administration, go to Medical School, and pursue a career as a Sports Medicine Physician. Due to her love and dedication for sports and medicine, she prospectively plans to open a private practice to examine and treat professional athletes.



Jacqueline Tannucilli

Sport Management Major

Post-Grad Plans:

After graduation, Jacqueline plans to start graduate school and continue to search for a position in college athletics.

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Dominic Teoli

Sport Management Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Dominic is starting a full time internship for Aloha Lacrosse Tournaments in May for the summer and plans to continue applying for sports operations and ticket sales positions for the fall.

Kinesiology Students Research Citations



Maura Gaffney

Athletic Training Major

Gaffney, M (2021). A Tiered Approach for Integrating Patient Outcome Measures Into The Curriculum. PA Manuscript In Press with Athletic Training Education Journal; Presentation at the National Athletic Trainers' Association Athletic Training Educators' Conference. Hildebrand EE, Patterson RD*, Esposito N: Towson University, Towson, MD, *Clarion University, Clarion,

Gaffney M, (2021). Bilateral Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and Ulnar Neuropathy in a Collegiate Defensive Lineman: A Level 3 Case Study. Presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association annual Student Program. Whipp K, Alaimo E*, Nadeln M: Towson University, Towson, MD, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD



Ibukun Blessing Lawal

Exercise Science Major

Lawal, I (2020). Sex Differences in Augmentation Index in Response to Acute Dynamic Exercise. Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional American College of Sports Medicine, Towson University College of Health Professions Undergraduate Research Forum, and the Towson University Student Research and Creative Inquiry Forum. Faculty advisor: Dr. Rian Landers-Ramos

Kinesiology Students Research Citations



Devon Lyons

Athletic Training Major

Lyons, D (2019). Upper Extremity Injury Risks Associated with Bilateral Shoulder Range of Motion Deficits in Professional Baseball Pitchers: A Critically Appraised Topic. Poster Presentation at Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium. Sarnacki D, Scibek J, Beidler E: Towson University, Towson, Maryland. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Ian McQuaid

Athletic Training Major

McQuaid, I (2021). The Use of Lower Body Positive Pressure Therapy during Post-Brostrom Repair. Faculty advisor: Dr. Lisa Custer

Kinesiology Students Research Citations



Sam Meyerhoff

Physical Education Major

Meyerhoff, S., Loftus, S., & Landi, D. (2021). Gay men's reflective experiences in physical education: Affects and orientations in a visual economy. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 92 (Supp. 1), A-86. [10.1080/02701367.2021.1898195](https://doi.org/10.1080/02701367.2021.1898195)

Meyerhoff, S. & Landi, D. (2021). How to Support LGBTQIA+ Young People in Physical Education. *ACHPER Victorian Branch Tips of the Week*, 5(24), 1-4



Kaitlyn Whipp

Athletic Training Major

Whipp, K (2021). Athletic Trainers' perceptions of professional graduate vs. undergraduate athletic training students. Independent Study Research Project. Hildebrand EE, Garrett Z*: Towson University, *Marshall University

Whipp, K (2021) Bilateral Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and Ulnar Neuropathy in a Collegiate Defensive Lineman: A Level 3 Case Study. Presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association annual Student Program Gaffney M, Alaimo E*, Nadeln M: Towson University, Towson, MD, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Physical Education Scholarship Winners



Casey Bechtel

Dr. J Ellen Eason Endowed Scholarship, \$2,550

<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/kinesiology/scholarships.html>



Anthony Celozzi

Mildred Murray Scholarship Endowment Award, \$5,800

<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/kinesiology/scholarships.html>



Christian Vasquez

Jennifer L. Thomas Memorial Scholarship Endowment, \$600

<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/kinesiology/scholarships.html>

Physical Education Scholarship Winners



Adam Wise

Stephen C. Broy Memorial Endowed Scholarship, \$1,650

<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/kinesiology/scholarships.html>

Honors Students



Winston Harden

Athletic Training Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Winston is looking for a full-time position as an Athletic Trainer with a plan to eventually obtain a Master's degree in the field of sports medicine.



Asha Rogers

Athletic Training Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Asha is attending University of Delaware, the number one ranked DPT school program in the US. She hopes to use her knowledge as an athletic trainer as a foundation and support to becoming a sports physical therapist.



Natalie Kassir

Exercise Science Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Natalie will be attending the University of Maryland Eastern Shore this fall to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Honors Students



Cassandra Kim

Exercise Science Major



Alyssa Pardoe

Exercise Science Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Upon graduating from Towson, Alyssa plans to pursue a graduate degree with future aspirations to enter a career in performing arts medicine working towards advancements in injury prevention, rehabilitation and cross training for artistic athletes.



Brandon Kirby

Sport Management Major

Post-Grad Plans:

Brandon is seeking opportunities in Sports Marketing in College Athletics or for a Professional Sports Organization.

Honors Students



Jacqueline Tannucilli

Sport Management Major

Post-Grad Plans:

After graduation, Jacqueline plans to start graduate school and continue to search for a position in college athletics.